

Please delete the fourth paragraph on page 4, which begins "A polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of the present invention . . ." and ends " . . .has conserved cysteine residues in common with cripto growth factor," and replace it with:

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--A polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of the present invention was discovered in a cDNA library derived from human pancreatic cancer tissue. It is structurally related to the human cripto growth factor. It contains an open reading frame encoding a protein of 223 amino acid residues of which approximately the first 23 amino acids residues are the putative leader sequence such that the mature protein comprises 200 amino acids. As shown in figure 2 the polypeptide of the present invention has conserved cysteine residues in common with cripto growth factor.--

In the Claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 1-13, 15, and 17-18 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

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- 21. (New) An isolated protein comprising a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) amino acid residues 1 to 223 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (b) amino acid residues 1 to 173 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (c) amino acid residues 24 to 223 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (d) amino acid residues 24 to 67 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (e) amino acid residues 24 to 173 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (f) amino acid residues 45 to 128 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (g) amino acid residues 68 to 173 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (h) amino acid residues 68 to 223 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (i) amino acid residues 129 to 207 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (j) amino acid residues 174 to 223 of SEQ ID NO:2; and
 - (k) a polypeptide fragment of amino acids 1 to 223 of SEQ ID NO:2 wherein said polypeptide fragment stimulates cell growth.